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Japan will support Afghanistan in its bid for the Middle East and South Asia Group seat on the IAEA Board of Governors at the October meeting of the IAEA General Conference, MOFA Nonproliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division Director Tomiko Ichikawa told Econ officer September 25. Ichikawa said Japanese officials in Vienna and Washington would pass the same message to their U.S. counterparts. SCHIEFFER